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The apparatus and method described in the specification were developed through trial and error while transporting bariatric patients since July 18, 2000. The experience gained while transporting these patients was necessary in order to redesign the apparatus and procedure to assure the safety of patients of various weights, sizes, and shapes who are transported using the apparatus, as well as, the transportation crew who operates the apparatus.

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